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was born in Milan, Italy in 1981 where she studied classical studies at Tito Livio Liceum. After obtaining an International Baccalaureate at Impington Village College in Cambridge, UK, where she was ranked 1st in her class among international students and 2nd in the graduating class, Viola returned to Milan to study Medicine at Bicocca University of Medicine, and theater at Quelli di Grock Theater School. In the course of her medical studies she also obtained scholarships for internships in Spain and Brazil. For her medical thesis Viola traveled to Amsterdam, The Netherlands to conduct novel research on Parkinson's Disease at the Neurology Department of the VU Medical Center (VUmc). She obtained her Medical License in 2007 and returned to Amsterdam and the VUmc to continue neurological research as part of the Neuro-Oncology Research Group, where she is proud to have pioneered research on DIPG. Her dream is to specialize in pediatrics or neurology and to continue researching DIPG in both the lab and the clinic in the hopes of finding a cure for this devastating disease.



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